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ProQuad

Because of the manufacturer's difficulties, **effective immediately,** the Indiana VFC Program is discontinuing the distribution of ProQuad vaccine (combination of varicella and MMR vaccines). All existing and submitted orders received will be <u>shipped as separate MMR and varicella vaccines</u>. Please begin ordering MMR and varicella vaccines separately. ProQuad vaccine will remain on the VFC order form, but do not request it.

We apologize for this restriction, but until the manufacturer can assure that adequate supplies of ProQuad can be delivered in a timely manner to all of our VFC providers, we have decided that it is in the best interest of the VFC patient population and providers to provide only MMR and varicella vaccines. Please watch the *Vaccine E-Letter* for future developments.

VFC Program Staff News

Sheila Lauck has been promoted to Administrative Assistant of the Immunization Program. She had been one of the vaccine order processors and has done a remarkable job. Her replacement is Laura Fischer. Laura comes to us with an outstanding resume that includes working at an Indiana VFC provider's office. Her insight into the provider side of immunization will be an asset to the program. We welcome Laura to the Immunization Program.

Editor's note: Yes, I know we said there would not be a Vaccine E-Letter this week, but we wanted to get this information out.